

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Travis M Reis

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/16/4.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With reference to claims 1-11, 18, & 19, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest an irreversible humidity indicator card, comprising a deliquescent material contained within the holes in the intermediate carrier member and a dark colored absorbent sheet material placed against a back side of the intermediate carrier member, which material covers the holes in the intermediate carrier member, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

With reference to claims 12 & 20, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest an irreversible humidity indicator card, comprising a white deliquescent material contained within the holes in the intermediate carrier member and a dark colored absorbent sheet material placed against a back side of the intermediate carrier member, which material covers the holes in the intermediate carrier member, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

With reference to claims 13 & 21, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest an irreversible humidity indicator card, comprising a deliquescent material contained within the holes in the intermediate carrier member, wherein the deliquescent material does not include a dye material and a dark colored absorbent sheet material placed against a back side of the intermediate carrier member, which material covers the holes in the intermediate carrier member, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

With reference to claims 14-17, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a process of manufacture of a humidity indicator card comprising placing a deliquescent material within the holes of the intermediate carrier member, covering the holes

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of the carrier member on the back side of the intermediate carrier member with a dark colored absorbent material, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

With reference to claim 22, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest an irreversible humidity indicator card, comprising a deliquescent material contained within the holes in the intermediate carrier member which liquefies at a predetermined humidity level, and a dark colored absorbent sheet material placed against a back side of the intermediate carrier member, which material covers the holes in the intermediate carrier member, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Travis M Reis whose telephone number is (571) 272-2249. The examiner can normally be reached on 8--5 M--F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for all communications.

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